

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 24 of the substitute specification as follows:

FIG. 1 is an exploded perspective view showing a first example of a speaker apparatus in a first exemplary embodiment of the present invention. In FIG. 1, a speaker unit 102 is connected with a sound output signal delivered from a power amplifier 101. A passive radiator diaphragm 103 is provided with an edge and a damper to form a passive radiator unit. The speaker unit 102 and the passive radiator diaphragm 103 are mounted on a front baffle 104, which forms a constituent part of a speaker box. As shown in FIG. 1, the front baffle 104 is provided with a recessed backside portion 108 where the passive radiator diaphragm 103 is housed. A reinforcement rib 109 is provided on the backside portion 108 of the front baffle 104. A back plate 105 and the front baffle 104 constitute the speaker box. A closed front chamber 106, which is formed by the speaker unit 102, the passive radiator diaphragm 103 and the front baffle 104, couples sound output generated from the back of the speaker unit 102 with the passive radiator diaphragm 103. A closed rear chamber 107, which is formed by the speaker unit 102, the front baffle 104 and the back plate 105, confines sound output generated from the front of the speaker unit 102. The speaker unit 102 is disposed in a reverse direction, or in an approximately reverse direction, relative to the passive radiator unit. The speaker apparatus is thus formed.